



## The Western Australian Local Government Declaration on Climate Change

**Shire/City/Town of [insert]** acknowledges that:

- Evidence shows that climate change is occurring.
- Climate change will continue to have significant effects on the Western Australian environment, society and economy, and the Local Government sector.
- Human behaviours, pollution and consumption patterns have both immediate and future impacts on the climate and environment.

**Shire/City/Town of [insert]** supports the:

- Environmental, social and economic benefits of addressing climate change immediately.
- Opportunity for Local Government to demonstrate leadership in climate change management at a community level.
- Development of equitable and implementable State and Commonwealth strategies for climate change management.

**Shire/City/Town of [insert]** commits from date of signing to:

- Set an appropriate, individual Local Government emissions reduction target and work toward its achievement.
- Work with State and Federal Government to ensure achievement of greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets as set out in key National and International agreements.
- Work with State and Federal Government to implement key actions and activities for climate change management at a local level.

- Assess the regionally specific risks associated with climate change and implications for Local Government services, and identify areas where appropriate mitigation and/or adaptation strategies should be applied.
- Develop an internal Climate Change Action Plan (CCAP) for climate change actions across all Local Government functions, with a focus on the two, five and ten year future.
- Ensure that, at appropriate review intervals, the strategic plan and policies for the Local Government are reviewed and amended to reflect climate change management priorities and emissions reduction targets.
- Encourage and empower the local community and local businesses to adapt to the impacts of climate change and to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions.
- Monitor the progress of climate change initiatives and ensure full communication of achievements for Council and Community.

Signed:

**Mayor/President - Shire/City/Town**

Date:

Signed:

**President - Western Australian Local Government Association**

Date: